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*Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*: Mr. Mselle

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*The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.*

**Agenda item 150: Financing of The United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone** (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.33)

**Agenda item 172: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone** (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.33)

*Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.33*

1. **Mr. Park Hae-yun** (Republic of Korea) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.33 on behalf of the Chairman

2. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.33 was adopted.*

**Agenda item 125: Scale of Assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations** (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.28, A/C.5/54/L.29 and A/C.5/54/L.30)

*Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.28 and draft decisions A/C.5/54/L.29 and A/C.5/54/L.30*

3. **Mr. Smyth** (Ireland), on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.28 and draft decisions A/C.5/54/L.29 and A/C.5/54/L.30 concerning the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations. In draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.28 the formal names of the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga should be used wherever reference was made to those Member States in the text.

4. *Draft resolution A/C.5.54/L.28 and draft decisions A/C.5/54/L.29 and A/C.5/54/L.30 were adopted.*

5. **Mr. Chandra** (India), speaking in explanation of position, said that his delegation had accepted the text of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.28 on the understanding that the formal names of the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga would be used in the draft resolution to be submitted to the plenary Assembly.

**Agenda item 173: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments** (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.34)

*Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.34*

6. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.34 was adopted.*

**Agenda item 121: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001** (*continued*)

*Revised estimates under section 3 (Political affairs), and section 5, Peacekeeping operations (continued)* (A/54/7/Add.11; A/C.5/54/40)

7. **The Chairman** proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/54/40 on the revised estimates under section 3 (*Political affairs*) and section 5, (*Peacekeeping operations*) and the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (A/54/7/Add.11);

"*Approves* the charge of total requirements of $3,755,800 against the provision proposed for special political missions under section 3 (*Political affairs*) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/206 and concurs that the related provision for the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem (UNSCO), already included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, be transferred from section 5 (*Peacekeeping operations*), to section 3 (*Political affairs*)."

8. **Mr. Adam** (Israel) regretted that the Secretariat had changed the references to the areas previously referred to as the "Occupied Territories". In its decision 53/424, the General Assembly had requested that the Secretary-General should continue to use the term "Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem" only where appropriate. It was not appropriate in the draft text currently under consideration. His delegation considered the change to be a gratuitous political act on the part of the

Secretariat. The status of the territories in question would be decided only in the context of the final settlement between Israelis and Palestinians. Indeed, all the agreements reached thus far between the two sides stipulated that no action should be taken outside the framework of the current negotiations that would prejudge the final status of the occupied territories. He therefore requested that a decision on the matter be postponed pending further instructions from his capital.

9. **Mr. Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic) said that his delegation accepted the draft text as it was currently worded and requested that it be adopted at the Committee's current meeting.

10. **The Chairman** said that it would not be possible for the Committee to take action without first reaching agreement. In view of the severe time constraints, she would hold urgent consultations on the matter following the adjournment of the meeting.

**Agenda item 151: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations** (*continued*)

**(a) Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations** (*continued*) (A/C.5/54/L.32)

*Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.32*

11. **The Chairman** introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.32 concerning the support account for peacekeeping operations on behalf of the coordinator on the item.

12. *Draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.32 was adopted.*

*The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.*